

A **Public Hearing** was opened by Mayor Mackaman at 5:36 p.m. for the purpose of considering an ordinance vacating municipally owned property to Ralph Milman. The alley, located adjacent to an east-west public alley which extends from 12th Street to 13th Street, north of Court and south of Oak Ridge was determined to be excess right-of-way and not needed by the City. A legal notice was properly posted in the *Pekin Daily Times* on February 24, 2006. Persons were given the opportunity to be heard. There were no comments received from the public. The hearing was closed at 5:37 p.m.

A **Public Hearing** was opened by Mayor Mackaman at 5:37 p.m. as required under Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for purposes of discussing the not to exceed \$5,500,000 City of Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois Mortgage Revenue Bonds Series 2006. The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds would be used to provide all or a portion of the funds necessary to refund the outstanding amount of the City's Multifamily Housing Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1992 A, previously issued by the City and thereby make a mortgage loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration to United Auto Workers Senior Citizens' Center, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation to refinance the acquisition and construction of a 215-unit multifamily rental apartment project located at 444 Parkway Drive, Pekin, Illinois 61554, all as provided in the notice published in the *Pekin Daily Times*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Pekin, and for costs of issuance of the Bonds. There being no comments and discussion with respect to the Bonds and the Project, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:39 p.m.

Pam Anderson, community Development Director, presented a PowerPoint explanation of the **HEART OF ILLINOIS HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE 10 YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**. Mrs. Anderson told Council there was a shortage of affordable housing and an increase in poverty. A family of 4 under \$20,000 were at poverty level. Many families who can't pay the rent end up homeless. Homeless was defined as living on the street, with others or in shelters. Council members asked questions on the statistics given and made comments regarding the presentation.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2462

VACATING A MUNICIPALLY OWNED ALLEY WITHIN THE CITY OF PEKIN

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Ordinance No. 2462 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN** be amended to reallocate \$15,000.00 from Life Skills Coordinator to Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Pam Anderson, Community Development Director, explained the 2005 Action Plan needed to be amended because a proposed position of a Life Skills Coordinator was not approved by HUD. The \$15,000 was transferred to the Housing Rehabilitation Program which designates up to \$20,000 for necessary repairs related to health and safety issues. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN** be approved. Pam Anderson, Community Development Director, presented the 2006 Action Plan. The application described the activities that would be funded with the Community development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for one year. The 2006 Action Plan was available for inspection from February 1, 2006 to March 8, 2006. Public Hearings were held March 9 and 13th, 2006. It was noted the grant awarded for the fiscal year was 10% less. Money was expended for items such as housing rehab program, low interest loans to businesses, code enforcement, administrative costs, upgrade of streets and sidewalks in low to moderate income neighborhoods and grants to the United Way and Coalition for Equality. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ORDINANCE NO. 2463

AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 2463 be adopted. Com'r. Blanchard recommended to Council an amendment to the composition of the TSC providing for a citizen's representative in place of a staff member. Discussion followed. Com'r. Dagit suggested expanding the number of members to 8 to retain the added value of a patrol officer. Com'r. Jones expressed concern in language providing for only a one-year term.

Com'r. Jones made a motion that Ordinance No. 2463 be tabled, the purpose, to return this to staff and Corporation Counsel to bring the Traffic Safety Commission in line with other Commissions of the City. The motion received a seconded from Com'r. Dagit. Com'r. Maddox questioned that if the motion to table carried there would be no further discussion. On roll call vote; Ayes, Jones, Dagit; Nays, Maddox, Blanchard, Mackaman. Motion failed.

Council discussed further:

- Normal appointments extend 3-years
- Appointments of citizens to obtain greatest amounts of expertise
- Inconsistencies in Code in as much as only the TSC provides for appointment of Chairman by the Mayor.

Mayor Mackaman advised Council that he would investigate if liaisons serve a useful function. He stated he planned to deal with issues related to Council liaisons and Council members on committees in upcoming Planning Sessions. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2464

AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY WINPAK HEAT SEAL CORPORATION

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 2464 be adopted. Council was advised that the corporation asked to purchase an alternate undeveloped site in Riverway Business Park to have more land and easier access to the new plant. Terms of the new developer agreement were \$350,000 for 24.7 acres. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman reported on the application process for consideration to be appointed or reappointed to City of Pekin Commissions, Boards, and Committees. He informed the public that there were plenty of opportunities for citizens to engage in local government by serving as members.

Com'r. Maddox commented, as a teacher he was well aware of children living in shelters. He encouraged the government class high school students in attendance to respond to the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness.

Condolences were extended to the family of retired police officer Dan Smith on his passing.

Com'r. Blanchard asked for some degree of control over rental property landlords and suggested the City be able to inspect properties without landlord permission. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed Council that consideration had been given rental inspections but the Building Department would not be able to manage the workload at the present time.

Com'r. Jones commented on his awareness of the homeless issue in Pekin while serving at the Salvation Army Transitional Center.

Solid Waste Director Greg Ranney encouraged residents to purchase the mandatory toters for garbage collection prior to September 1, 2006. He announced yard waste collection would begin on Monday, March 20, 2006.

Cindy Galyean, Director of the Dragon's Dome facilities spoke in opposition of the proposal to cut the tourism budget. She expressed concern that events held in Pekin rely on grant money. She informed Council that she would present to the commissioners a packet of information and support to retain the funding for tourism.

Marge Melchers 1821 Highwood addressed Council representing Sunset Hills concerned citizens on the issue of the disposition of the dams in the new development on the executive course of the country club. Mrs. Melchers was informed by Com'r. Maddox that the Department of Natural Resources has jurisdiction. There was nothing appropriate for the City to do.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star* and *Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk